

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 13, 2008. Claims 1-20 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 6-20 were rejected, and Claims 1-5 were indicated as being allowable. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the examiner for the indication that Claims 1-5 are allowable. Applicant hereby cancels Claims 6-20 without prejudice or disclaimer to enable the issuance of the allowable subject matter of Claims 1-5. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by Claims 6-20 is not patentable. Claims 6-20 are canceled solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by Claims 6-20, as presented prior to this Response and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

SECTION 101 REJECTIONS

Claims 6-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, as indicated above, Applicant cancels Claims 6-15 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of Claims 6-15 moot.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTIONS

The specification was objected to for failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of Claims 6-10. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, as indicated above, Applicant cancels Claims 6-10 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of Claims 6-10 moot.

SECTION 112 REJECTIONS

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, as indicated above, Applicant cancels Claim 16 (and Claims 17-20 that depend therefrom) without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection of Claim 16 moot.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this Response. If, however, Applicant has overlooked the need for any fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 09-0447 of IBM Corporation.

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